

I oppose this petition because it does not allow for a provision to remove morse code from all amateur license requirements. It is contrary to the opinion expressed by the IARU. The continuation of the use of morse code as a requirement for licensure is an inappropriate barrier to those that would otherwise be qualified to participate in the hobby of amateur radio. Morse code is only one mode among many that is available to the amateur radio operator to use on the HF frequency bands. To continue to use one of those modes as a means of exclusion from this hobby is discriminatory. There are those that appear willing to let this hobby die rather than move into the present. Please do not consider the implementation of this petition.

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